

NATIONAL RBA TELECON
Wednesday, February 17, 2010

PRESENT:

Linda Goodrich
Mike Gonzales
Dennie Rose
John Cox
Rich Eng
Paul Joly
Bob Mercer
Bill Missal
Bob Prehara
Tom Ronk

Membership

Flight Standards gained three new members over the past two weeks: one from Great Lakes and two from Southern.

Eastern Region

Yesterday, Linda visited the Eastern region, where a decision had been made that instead of hiring another manager, facilities were going to be combined to make it an International Field Unit (IFU). As such, the FSDO and IFU will share the same manager but are not co-located. Linda met with the new PASS representative in the area along with the RBA, Dennis Scarfeo, and his deputy, Rich Eng, to discuss ideas for improving communication with members as well as several grievances that have been filed recently.

Split Pay Notification

Charlie Henderson was not on the telecon to brief RBAs on the issue regarding split pay notification. He has been working an issue with Allyn related to checks being sent directly to JP Morgan as opposed to coming to the traveler so the traveler can pay JP Morgan. More information to come as it develops.

Official Time for Travel

Mark Kimmel brought up an issue with Linda related to an issue over official time for travel in the Great Lakes region. The RBAs discussed the specific case but the issue can be applied to all regions. A lengthy discussion ensued and Dennie is going to do some additional research on the matter. More information to come next week.

Jump Seat at American Airlines

In December, Jon Cox brought up an issue regarding inspectors going overseas no longer being allowed to sit in the forward observer seat to perform enroutes with American Airlines. Linda brought up the issue with John Allen and received a message back from him this week confirming that inspectors are entitled by regulation to the observer seat. American will be

changing its manual in order to give inspectors access/authority to make a decision as to which observer seat they wish to occupy. The decision will continue to be up to the agency to determine if an inspector sits there rather than the airline captain.

Upcoming Meetings/Training/Events

- February 22 – 23: Weather precluded Linda and Tom Ronk in Memphis for all-hands meeting
 - February 23 – 24: ACE quarterly grievance meeting as well as AEG and briefing on office moves
 - February 25 – 26: Executive Board meeting
 - March 8 – 12: Linda to join Bill Missal in Fairbanks for all-hands meeting and quarterly grievance meeting; Linda will then go to Anchorage to conduct rep training.
 - March 15 – 16: Linda to join Frank Gentile for quarterly grievance meeting
 - March 17 – 19: Linda to join Art Muzzicato and Paul Joly for the AWP quarterly then travel to OAK for a briefing and training
 - March 22 – 23: Linda to join Dennis Scarfeo for the quarterly grievance meeting
 - March 24 – Linda and Mark Kimmel to conduct all-hands meeting in INDY FSDO
 - March 25 – Linda to join Mark Kimmel at quarterly grievance meeting in ORD for AGL region
 - March 29 – 31: Linda to join Bill Mounger for quarterly grievance meeting
 - April 1: Linda to meet with John Allen
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Summary of ACTION ITEMS

Completed ACTION ITEM

- Linda provided RBAs with a copy of the negotiations on Prib 11 and put it on the website.

Open ACTION ITEMS

- ACTION ITEM for Linda to bring the issue up with John Allen about the impact of recent actions regarding first 40 and the pros/cons.
- ACTION ITEM for PASS to ask the agency why PASS has not received formal notification regarding the AEG and BOS FSDO moving to the region. Mike Gonzales is working this issue and has assisted both AEA and AWP with providing notification to the agency regarding their proposed move of those two offices.
- ACTION ITEM for Frank to get an example regarding training on new LDR codes.
- ACTION ITEM for Frank and Linda to modify existing enroute order and present a draft to the agency.
- ACTION ITEM for Colleen to provide Bob Prehara with job hazard analysis information.
- ACTION ITEM for Bill Missal to work air cards for Alaska with Bob Prehara.
- ACTION ITEM for Mark Kimmel to report back to Linda regarding issue of Great Lakes canceling all Jeppesens.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to work with Mike Gonzales to ensure MOA is on website regarding the requirement for any member getting a temporary promotion to fill out an 1187.
- ACTION ITEM for Linda to work with Charlie to put together a proposal to AFS-100 to authorize AQS to inform computer specialists to put this on each computer as it is set up.

- ACTION ITEM for Linda to look into the difference between someone acting in a detail versus acting, i.e., George will be detailed as a manager for the next 30 days versus George will be acting until next Wednesday.
- ACTION ITEM to send any suggestions for a PASS POC on blood-borne pathogens to Colleen.
- ACTION ITEM for Colleen to give presentation on expectation of hearing conservation effort.

Ongoing ACTION ITEMS

- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for RBAs and/or assistants to start contacting members who dropped out of union, as well as any new members on a continuous basis. After you get in touch with these individuals, pass the information on to Linda so she can follow up.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM to get any information on a member who dropped due to an administrative error to Emily and copy Linda and Dennie.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for all RBAs to talk to regional TSA POCs in order to ensure that field inspectors are receiving security briefings.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for anyone who has had problems with workers' comp to get the information to Colleen via email or fax.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM for Linda to work on getting Jessica out in the field to help familiarize with her with Flight Standards as she works on developing new articles for the newsletter.
- Ongoing ACTION ITEM to continue to make contact with your members of Congress regarding issues that are important to you, educating them on what you do and what you need to continue protecting aviation safety. Please keep Abby and Kori informed of any action/response. Linda said that she has heard that the FAA is getting tired of this so the strategy is obviously working!

Note: All current and archived RBA notes are available on www.passnational.org.